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Dear Mr. Fiore:

The New York State Department of Health (SDOH) is pleased to submit this request to extend the New York State section 1115 demonstration project No. 11-W-00114/2, entitled "The Partnership Plan", for an additional three (3) year period. This request is being filed pursuant to Section 1115e of the Social Security Act amended by Section 4757 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

The State's goal in implementing the Partnership Plan was to improve the health status of low income New Yorkers by: improving access to health care for the Medicaid population, improving the quality of health services delivered, and expanding coverage to additional low income New Yorkers with resources generated through managed care efficiencies. As New York approaches its fifth year of implementation under the 1115 waiver, significant progress has been made towards this goal. A three year extension of the waiver is essential in order for the State to continue the impressive achievements made to date. In support of this extension request, the following material is provided:

- Analysis of how program objectives have been met
- Evidence of substantial compliance with waiver Terms and Conditions
- Documentation pertaining to quality of care, beneficiary satisfaction, network and financial adequacy
- Analysis of compliance with budget neutrality requirements
- Evidence of compliance with "State Notice Procedures"

We are also aware that prior to rendering a decision on the extension request, CMS must be able to evaluate overall budget neutrality of the demonstration. The Department of Health will continue to work with your staff to assure that they have the documentation necessary to conduct such an evaluation.

The Department is appreciative of the cooperation and assistance provided by CMS staff since the 1115 waiver was first approved. We look forward to continuing to work together on Partnership Plan implementation.

Sincerely,

Dennis Whalen
Executive Deputy Commissioner

Cc: Judy Berek, CMS Region II